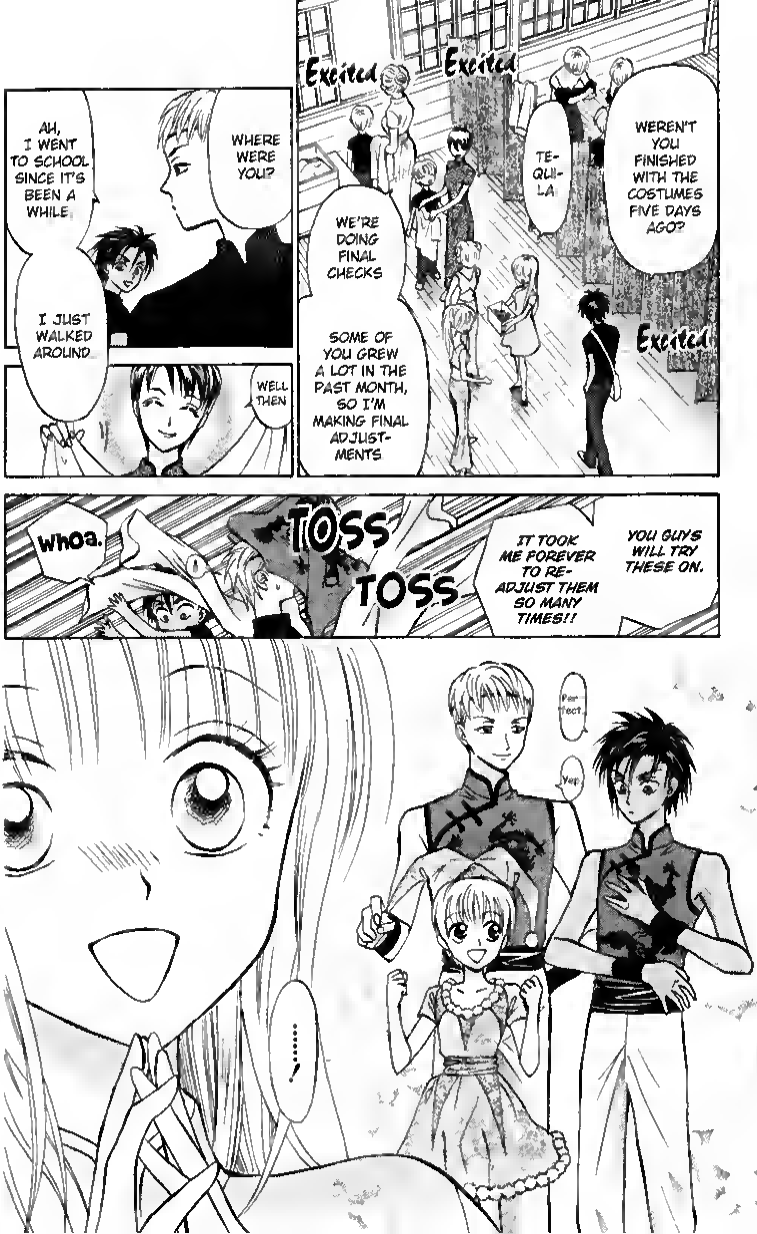
The long training camp came to an end.
A few days after coming back to the village...
.....
Pull
Chatter
Chatter
Chatter
THEY'RE ALREADY SETTING UP THE STANDS
WOW

Everyone is on summer break now
Tomorrow, everyone will be going to the capital where the tournament is being held.
OKAY
WE'RE GOING IN THE AFTER-NOON!
UNTIL THEN, WE'VE GOT TO FINISH OUR WORK.
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A FESTI-VAL
Excited
Excited
Today marks the village's night before the tournament festival.
That's pretty
NO IT'S FINE.
IS IT TOO TIGHT?
HUH?
It's a Kojutsu village tradition to hold a festival to send off and give good luck
to the proud Kojutsu kids and their futures.


Excited
Excited
Excited
WEREN'T YOU FINISHED WITH THE COSTUMES FIVE DAYS AGO?
TE-QUI-LA
WE'RE DOING FINAL CHECKS
SOME OF YOU GREW A LOT IN THE PAST MONTH, SO I'M MAKING FINAL ADJUST-MENTS
WHERE WERE YOU?
AH, I WENT TO SCHOOL SINCE IT'S BEEN A WHILE
I JUST WALKED AROUND
WELL THEN
YOU GUYS WILL TRY THESE ON.
IT TOOK ME FOREVER TO RE-ADJUST THEM SO MANY TIMES!!
TOSS
TOSS
Whoa.
Perfect
Yes
.....!

So I've been told to continue making new stories.

Since the agreement deadline is getting near, I may be getting Michibata no Tenshi out a little late

I apologize for that, but I'll be sure to get everything written.

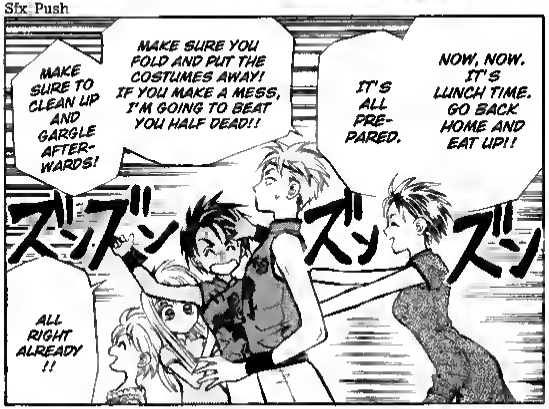
I'm sorry to those who are looking forward to what's going to happen!

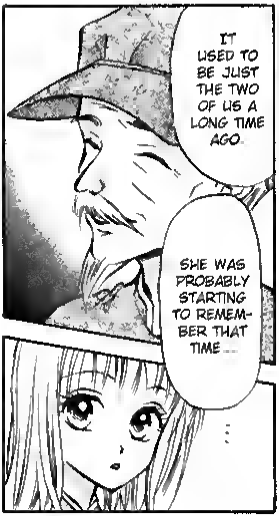
I'm also writing things in the final volume of W-Juliet, so please look forward to that as well.

Only every now and then though...

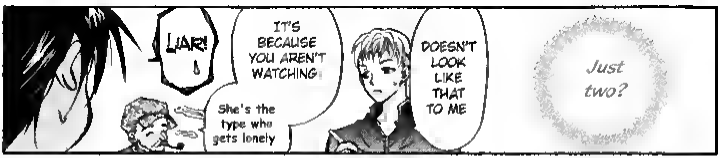
Don't give up and please be patient

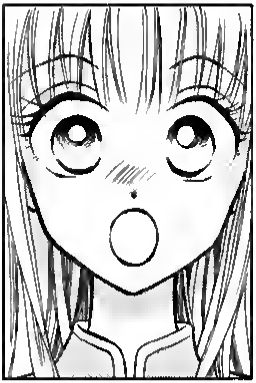
Sfx: Push

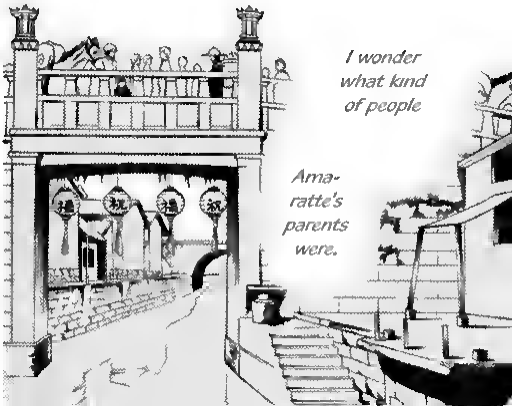



IT USED TO BE JUST THE TWO OF US A LONG TIME AGO.
SHE WAS PROBABLY STARTING TO REMEMBER THAT TIME ...

So much energy
AMARATTE'S BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC.
SINCE WE ALL GOT BACK,
Later
Ha Ha Ha
SHE'S JUST HAPPY EVERYONE'S TOGETHER.
SHE'S MORE LIKE A MOTHER THAN AN OLDER SISTER.


LIAR!
She's the type who gets lonely
IT'S BECAUSE YOU AREN'T WATCHING.
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT TO ME
Just two?




I wonder what kind of people
Amaratte's parents were.

TEQUI-LA! TEQUI-LA!
THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE COMING FROM OTHER VILLAGES.
It's my first time seeing them in this village!
AH
THEY'RE ALL HERE FOR THE PRE-TOURNAMENT FESTIVAL. LOTS OF PEOPLE COME HERE FROM ALL OVER.
THERE WON'T BE ANY DISPLAY OF ACRO-BATICS,
BUT MANY PEOPLE COME THINKING THEY MIGHT SEE SOME
HEY, SO IF THE TOURNA-MENT BECOMES A BIG SUCCESS
AND A PRO ACROBAT SCOUTS US, WHAT WILL YOU DO?
HUH ?
WHAT, YOU PLAN-NING ON GOING PRO, KING?
NO WAY
WE HAVE SOMEONE WE CAN'T LEAVE BEHIND.
OUR DREAM IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT
I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE
DREAM ?
AH!
Pro entrants must be 10 years or older. Peter is 8 years old.

I TOLD YOU EARLIER ABOUT THE TRAVELING ACROBATIC TROUPE, RIGHT?
WE'RE FORMING IT WITH KING AND PETER.
RIGHT.
WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE WITH OUR TEAM-MATES THOUGH.
WE'RE GOING AROUND MANY LANDS AND HAVING MANY PEOPLE SEE US. WE'RE GOING TO BE A GRAND SCALE TRAVELING ACROBATIC TROUPE!
Sfx Yell
REALLY?!
YES!
REALLY?! KING AND PETER TOO?!
YEP! WE'VE DECIDED!!
WE EVEN HAVE MANAGE-MENT STAFF!
Ahaha We don't have anyone else
CATOLE IS COMING WITH US TOO!
SO YOU TOLD HER.
Yay! I'm so happy! Whoo!!
Ha Ha
A LITTLE DURING THE TRAINING CAMP.

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TODAY'S MAIN ATTRACTION IS THE TOURNAMENT MEMBERS IN OTHER WORDS, YOU GUYS
WE'RE FINE LIKE THIS.
What are these men of ours thinking?
IT'S A FESTIVAL WHY ARE YOU WEARING EVERYDAY CLOTHING?
OH?
Actually...
OH, COME NOW IT'S FINE
Rustle Rustle
YOU ARE THE VILLAGE'S HOPEFUL STARS
I'LL BE COMING TO WATCH YOU GUYS WITH CATOLE
I'LL BE STAYING AT HOME
What exactly did they want to say?
Is there some special meaning behind the traveling acrobatic troupe?
"We have an obligation to them since they've raised us for so long. It's hard to tell them."
"This is our biggest obstacle."
"Those two don't know yet."
Hmm...
?

THU- MP
!
I KNOW THAT IF YOU GO PRO YOU'LL ONLY COME BACK HOME EVERY THREE MONTHS OR SO.
BUT I WON'T BE AGAINST IT.
OH YEAH I SHOULD SAY THIS NOW
IF YOU GET SCOLITED, YOU DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU TO DO.
Ha
Ha
Ha
AH...
BUT JUST KNOW THAT YOU CAN ALWAYS COME BACK HERE.
IT WOULD BE A LITTLE SAD TO NOT SEE YOU GUYS
.....
WHAT'S WRONG?
TRAVELING ACROBATIC TROUPE?!

WE'RE PLANNING ON SETTING ONE UP TOGETHER.
YEAH.
SO WE'RE NOT PLANNING ON GOING PRO
AN ACROBATIC TROUPE THAT TRAVELS AROUND AND ISN'T LINKED TO ANY LAND
I SEE IT SUITS YOU GUYS
FU FU
SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF FUN.
Right, right?
I SUPPORT YOU GUYS
WOO
Really ?!
YAY !!

Sfx: Zoom in

JUST HOLD ON RIGHT THERE!!

HAVING A DREAM IS FINE, BUT ENOUGH PLAYING AROUND!
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WHERE THE HECK ARE YOU GOING TO GET THAT KIND OF MONEY?!
DO YOU THINK YOU EVEN HAVE THE LUXURY TO LIVE NORMALLY ?
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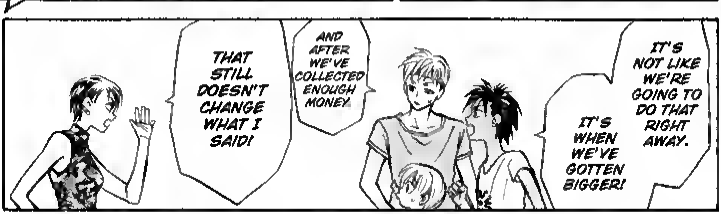
IF PROFESSIONAL PERFORMERS ARE ON SALARY, THEN TRAVELING ACROBATIC PERFORMERS ARE JUST DAY LABORERS!

A-AMARATTE ?!
YOUR INTENTIONS ARE WONDERFUL
BUT THINK ABOUT REALITY AND ITS DIFFICULTIES


THAT STILL DOESN'T CHANGE WHAT I SAID!
AND AFTER WE'VE COLLECTED ENOUGH MONEY.
IT'S WHEN WE'VE GOTTEN BIGGER!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT RIGHT AWAY.

WE DON'T KNOW UNLESS WE TRY!
WELL, I KNOW, THAT'S WHY I'M TELLING YOU!
YOUR TRAVELS WON'T LAST LONG!
WHAT ?!
.....
BESIDES, PROFESSIONALS CAN COME HOME PERIODICALLY,
BUT YOU GUYS ARE DIFFERENT!
OUT OF THE QUESTION. I'M NOT ALLOWING YOU TO TRAVEL WITH SUCH AN UNPREDICTABLE LIFESTYLE!
YOU WILL BE TRAVELING ALL AROUND THE WORLD. YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHEN YOU'LL COME BACK!

ANYWAY, I'M ABSOLUTELY AGAINST THIS!
I WON'T SUPPORT THIS!
Slam
Silence
I knew it
A traveling acrobatic troupe never knows when they can come back home.
Ah...
That's why everyone was hesitant to tell her..
I'M GOING TO AMARATTE'S.
!
YOU SHOULDN'T
YOU'RE NOT ON HER SIDE
SHE SUPPORTS US GOING PRO, BUT SHE'S AGAINST THE TRAVELING ACROBATIC TROUPE IDEA
Sigh
IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED

AFTER SHE GRADUATED, SHE RETIRED AND STARTED THE TAILOR BUSINESS
.....
BUT SHE DIDN'T GET SCOUTED
WHEN SHE WAS A STUDENT ?
DIDN'T AMARATTE ENTER THE TOURNA-MENT
店
福
ASPIRED TO THE IDEA OF BEING A PRO
MAYBE AMARATTE
I WAS JUST TENDING HER WOUNDS AND STARTED CHATTING
Ha Ha
SHE'S FROM A DIFFERENT VILLAGE
AH.
Hoo
AMA-RATTE?
Hoo
NO, THAT'S
IT'S CHILDISH OF ME
TO GET WORKED UP LIKE THAT
THANK-FULLY IT HELPED ME CALM DOWN.

Tequila (4) 11 years ago
King (11) Peter (2) 6 years ago
AT FIRST,
TEQUILA WAS PICKED UP BY MY PARENTS.
THOSE THREE WERE ABOUT HER AGE WHEN I TOOK THEM IN.
THEY'VE REALLY GROWN.
TEQUILA WAS THE FIRST ONE. 5 YEARS LATER CAME KING AND PETER.
.....
WHEN DID THOSE THREE COME INTO THE FAMILY?
BOTH OF MY PARENTS WERE PROFESSIONAL ACROBATIC PERFORMERS.
THEY BROUGHT HIM HOME ON THEIR WAY BACK FROM A NATIONAL PERFORMANCE
HUH?
THINK ABOUT IT. I HAVEN'T SEEN MY PARENTS IN A WHILE, AND THEN SOME OUTSIDER COMES IN
ON TOP OF THAT, HE WAS A REALLY STRANGE BOY, AND I WAS TO LIVE WITH HIM.
This story, Tequila...
I hated his guts at first !!

A ma ratte (12)
ANY CHILD WOULD BE JEALOUS.
SO LIKE ALL THE OTHER VILLAGERS, I AVOIDED HIM
ABOUT WHAT?
SAME THING AS YOU,
BUT BY MY MOTHER.
THEN, I GOT LECTURED
SCARY
WEIRD EYES!
WHAT A SICK KID
YOU CAN'T TALK TO HIM
"What did he do to you?"
"Did he steal? Did he hurt someone?!"
"You can't make decisions based on appearance."
I WOKE UP AFTER THAT.
Ah It's embarrassing

SINCE THEN...
AH, I WANT TO BECOME STRONG LIKE THAT...
THAT'S WHEN I BECAME NICE TO TEQUILA.
MY PARENTS WERE SO BUSY, AND THEY HARDLY EVER CAME HOME.
THEY NEVER SHOWED ANY PARENT-LIKE QUALITIES
I WASN'T TOLD ABOUT THEIR ARRIVAL, SO I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE...
IT'S REALLY UNHEARD OF
.....
BUT ONE YEAR LATER,
WHILE MY PARENTS WERE TRAVELING, THEY GOT INTO AN ACCIDENT AND DIED
ON TOP OF THAT, I WAS NOTIFIED A WEEK LATER

"A traveling acrobatic troupe"
!
"never knows where they'll travel."
If something were to happen ...
AMA-RATTE!
!
EVERY-ONE!

Hold on
Why are you so...
Cover
YOU TALKING DOESN'T HELP US
HOLD ON.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WE JUST TALKED IT OVER AND THOUGHT OF A NEW GOAL FOR OUR TRAVELING ACROBATIC TROUPE
MY DECISION ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE.
STOMP
STOMP
WHATEVER YOU SAY WON'T MATTER
HEY, ARE YOU GUYS ACRO-BATS?
HUH?
YEAH
Are they from different villages?
Huh?
YES
YAY! WE CAME TO SEE ACROBATICS.
WHERE CAN WE GO SEE THEM?
What—?
I'M SORRY, BUT THIS FESTIVAL
DOESN'T HAVE ANY ACRO-BATICS
NO WAY...
.....
Every year, people come in hopes of seeing some acro-batics.

Sfx Grab

HEY,
Just a little! Please!
Hm I m stump -ed
LOOK AT THEIR FEET.
HEY!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
THESE KIDS CAME OVER THE MOUNTAIN PASS.
THEY'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS.
WE CAN'T LET THEM LEAVE WITHOUT SEEING SOME ACRO-BATICS.
WHAT ?
And right before the tournament!
DON'T! IF YOU GET CAUGHT, YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE!
YOU SHOULD WATCH CLOSELY TOO.
THIS IS WHAT WE WANT TO DO!
WE'LL BE FINE HERE

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WOW! ACRO-BATICS ON A FLAG?!
Kya
So cool!
AMA-ZING!
I also had a time
when I was that into acrobatics.
But...

THIS IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.
GOOD STUFF.
♪ BYE BYE
HUH?
YEAH!
Okay it'll be our secret!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
THANKS!
WOW!
YOU GUYS WERE GREAT!!
HEHE
AH, BUT YOU CAN'T TELL ANYBODY ABOUT THIS.
8
Disappeared
WHERE'S AMA-RATTE?
.....

I GUESS IT WAS NO USE.
SHE PROBABLY GOT FED UP AND WENT HOME.
.....
AMARATTE'S PARENTS
HARDLY EVER CAME HOME
SHE WAS ALWAYS ALONE.
THAT IS WHY SHE UNDERSTANDS HOW SCARY IT IS TO BE ALONE.
KING,
?
SIX YEARS AGO, ON THE WAY BACK FROM THE ACROBATIC TOURNAMENT,
AMARATTE TOOK YOU TWO IN, RIGHT?
AMARATTE TOOK YOU TWO IN, RIGHT?
Amaratte(17)
THAT YEAR AND THE NEXT,
SHE ACTUALLY RECEIVED OFFERS FROM MANY SCOUTS,
BUT SHE DECLINED ALL OF THEM.
WHY
DIDN'T AMARATTE WANT TO GO PRO?
ISN'T THAT WHAT SHE ALWAYS WANTED?

SHE DIDN'T WANT TO BE LIKE HER PARENTS
AND LEAVE YOU GUYS BEHIND.
SHE MAY HAVE BEEN STRICT AT TIMES,
BUT WHAT SHE WANTS MOST
IS TO HAVE A FAMILY.
SHE UNDERSTANDS HOW IT FEELS TO BE LEFT ALONE ALL TOO WELL.
THAT'S WHY, AFTER GRADUATION, SHE CHOSE A PROFESSION THAT ALLOWED HER TO STAY BY YOUR SIDE

Creak...
AMA-RATTE
.....
WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT?
HUH?
YOU SAID YOU HAD A GOAL IN MIND.
AH
WELL
IF WE HAD AN INTERMEDIARY, WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO BREAK CONTACT WITH THIS HOUSE.
WE'D TRAVEL AS A SHOW BUSINESS WITH A STABLE VENUE.
WE'RE LOOKING FOR SPONSORS WHO WOULD SUPPORT OUR PLAN AFTER THIS TOURNAMENT
...
You brother complex
What about me?
Peter what about me?
!!
I JUST HAVE ONE CONDI-TION.
I'M NOT GOING TO BE AGAINST IT ANY-MORE.
I love you the most!
BUT WE APPRECIATE YOU THE MOST.
SORRY, BUT WE CAN'T GIVE UP ON OUR DREAM.
...

Sfx Yell
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TSK...
I'M NOT GOING TO SIT HERE AND WAIT ANY-MORE!
I WANT TO DO ACRO-BATICS TOO!
IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT I DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE!
Smile ♡
You'll have to take me along as a member. ♡
CHAPAIN!
THEN I'LL COME ALONG TOO
WHEN WE'RE READY TO LEAVE, WE'LL SELL THE HOUSE
That's terrible who would actually admit that ?!
Silenced
.....

I BELIEVE THAT RESIDES IN EACH OF US.
A HOME DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A HOUSE.
NO WAY... BUT YOU'VE LIVED IN THIS HOUSE YOUR WHOLE LIFE, RIGHT?
You sure it's okay?
THERE'S NO POINT IN STAYING IF NOBODY IS GOING TO BE HERE.
I don't want to be alone
ISN'T THAT THE SAME FOR YOU GUYS?
THAT'S RIGHT. AS LONG AS THE FAMILY IS ALL TOGETHER, WE HAVE NOTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT!
WE'LL GET THROUGH ANY TRAVELS.
Every-one's dreams ...

are making twinkling sounds as they expand.

Tomorrow...

We go to the capital while carrying everyone's dreams.

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